

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**Notice of Public Hearing**

**of**

**Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2014-0014  
NPDES Permit NPDES No. CA0024481  
WDID No. 1B820220SON**

**for**

**Ocean Farms, Inc., Bodega Farms**

**Sonoma County**

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements No. R1-2014-0014 for Ocean Farms, Inc., Bodega Farms. This item will be open for public comment between February 20, 2014 and March 24, 2014.

***Public Hearing Procedures***

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed permit is scheduled for May 8, 2014, at 8:30 a.m., in Fortuna, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the River Lodge Conference Center, 1800 Riverwalk Dr., Fortuna, California. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed waste discharge requirements.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, fifteen (15) copies must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on March 24, 2014, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Submittal of a copy of the draft Order with underline/strikeout requested changes will not be accepted as formal comments and will not be transmitted to the Regional Water Board because that format does not provide sufficient explanation and rationale regarding the nature and scope of the requested changes for Regional Water Board staff to evaluate.

Instead formal comments shall be submitted in a letter format with requested changes and supporting arguments and documentation included.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board no later than March 24, 2014. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger, may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

### ***Document Review***

The tentative Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer

February 20, 2014